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1. UNDERSTAND KATKEO HAS RETURNED TO LAOS AND DESPITE EFFORTS TO MEET, HE ARRIVED ON ANOTHER FLIGHT. KATKEO HAS NOT VISITED EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE KATKEO MAY HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EXIT PERMISSION FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILD. LAO CITIZENS ARE UNDER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. CONSULAR OFFICER SAYS HE WILL NOT ISSUE VISA TO KATKEO FOR RETURN TO U.S., BECAUSE OF RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS AND ASSUMPTION THAT ONCE KATKEO LEAVES WITH FAMILY HE WILL NOT RETURN.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING NOW IS THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE DIFFICULTY LEAVING LAOS ONCE THEY HAVE MIN. ED. PERMISSION. THIS IN PAST HAS BEEN ROUTINE FORMALITY AND RULES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED. ONE STUDENT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THIS PERMISSION.
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